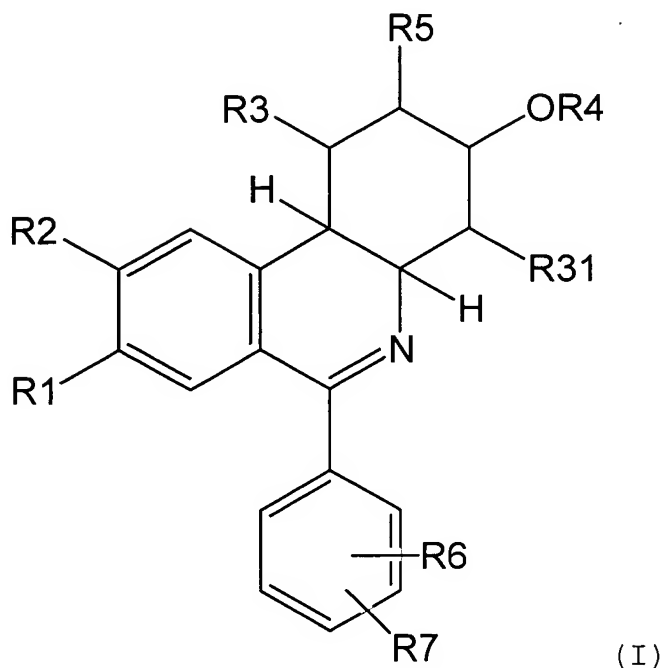


Appendix A

Claim Amendments

1. - 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I



~~as claimed in claim 1,~~ in which

R1 is methoxy or difluoromethoxy,

R2 is methoxy, difluoromethoxy or ethoxy,

R3 is hydrogen,

R31 is hydrogen,

R4 is hydrogen or acetyl,

R5 is hydrogen,
R6 is cyano or cyclopropylmethoxy,
R7 is hydrogen or cyclopropylmethoxy,
or a ~~hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a~~
salt of this compound, an N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of
an N-oxide of this compound.

6. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I as claimed
in claim 5 **[[1]]**, in which

R1 is methoxy,
R2 is methoxy,
R3 is hydrogen,
R31 is hydrogen,
R4 is hydrogen or acetyl,
R5 is hydrogen,
R6 is cyano or cyclopropylmethoxy,
R7 is hydrogen or cyclopropylmethoxy,
or a ~~hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a~~
salt of this compound, an N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of
an N-oxide of this compound.

7. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I as claimed
in claim 5 **[[1]]**, in which

R1 is methoxy,

R2 is methoxy,

R3 is hydrogen,

R31 is hydrogen,

R4 is hydrogen or acetyl,

R5 is hydrogen,

R6 is cyclopropylmethoxy,

R7 is cyclopropylmethoxy,

~~or a hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a~~
salt of this compound, an N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of
an N-oxide of this compound.

8. (Currently amended) A compound as claimed in claim 5 ~~[[1]]~~,
selected from the group consisting of

(±)-acetic acid (3RS,4aRS,10bRS)-6-(3,4-bis-
cyclopropylmethoxyphenyl)-8,9-dimethoxy-(1,2,3,4,4a,10b)-
hexahydrophenanthridin-3-yl ester,

(±)-acetic acid (3SR,4aRS,10bRS)-6-(3,4-bis-
cyclopropylmethoxyphenyl)-8,9-dimethoxy-(1,2,3,4,4a,10b)-
hexahydrophenanthridin-3-yl ester,

(±)-(3RS,4aRS,10bRS)-6-(3,4-bis-cyclopropylmethoxyphenyl)-8,9-
dimethoxy-(1,2,3,4,4a,10b)-hexahydrophenanthridin-3-ol,

(±) - (3SR,4aRS,10bRS) -6- (3,4-bis-cyclopropylmethoxyphenyl) -8,9-dimethoxy-1,2,3,4,4a,10b-hexahydrophenanthridin-3-ol,

(±) -acetic acid (3SR,4aRS,10bRS) -6- (4-cyanophenyl) -8,9-dimethoxy- (1,2,3,4,4a,10b) -hexahydrophenanthridin-3-yl ester,

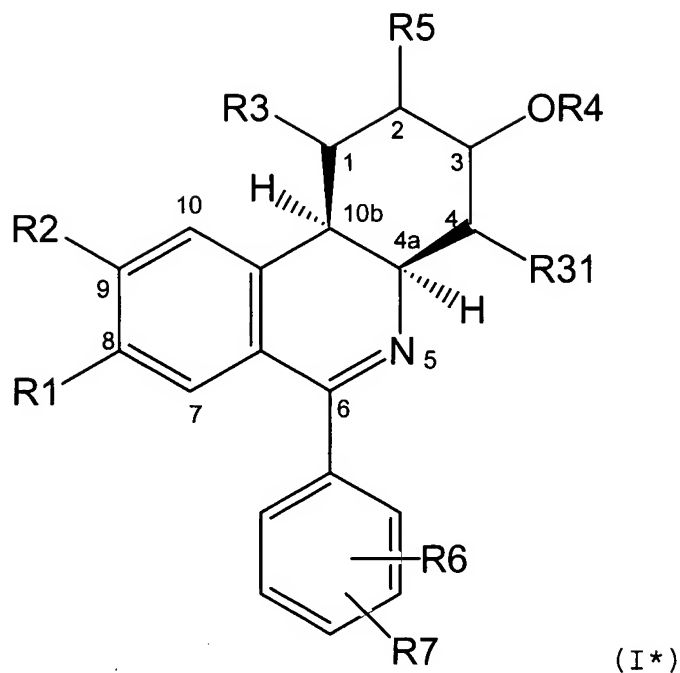
(±) -4- ((3SR,4aRS,10bRS) -3-hydroxy-8,9-dimethoxy-

(1,2,3,4,4a,10b) -hexahydrophenanthridin-6-yl) -benzonitrile,

and the ~~hydrates, solvates, salts, hydrates of the salts and solvates of the salts~~ of these compounds, the N-oxides of these compounds, and the salts of the N-oxides of these compounds.

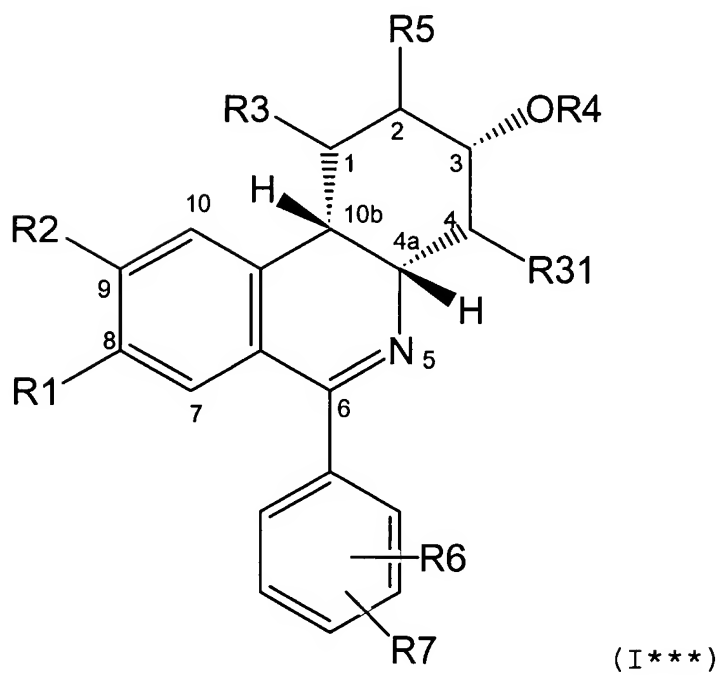
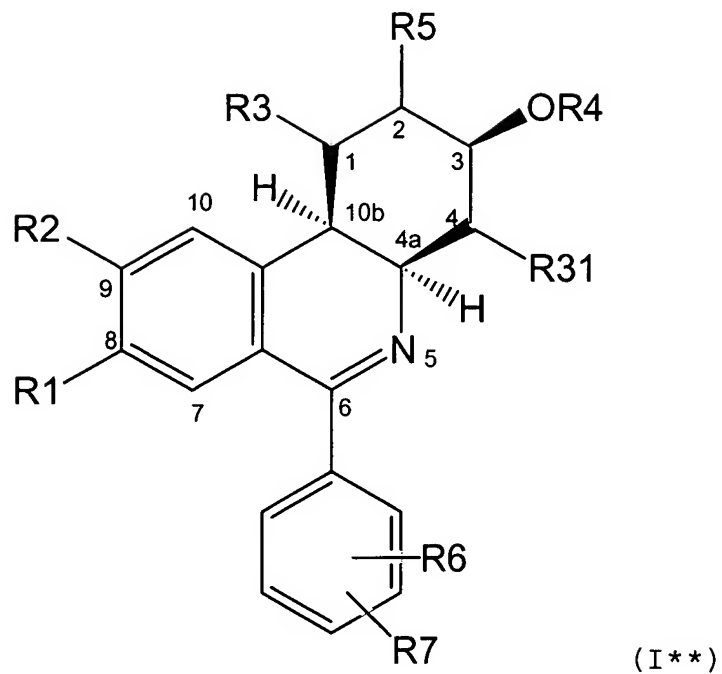
9. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I according to claim 5 [[1]], in which the hydrogen atoms in positions 4a and 10b are in the cis position relative to one another, or a ~~hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a~~ salt of this compound, an N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of an N-oxide of this compound.

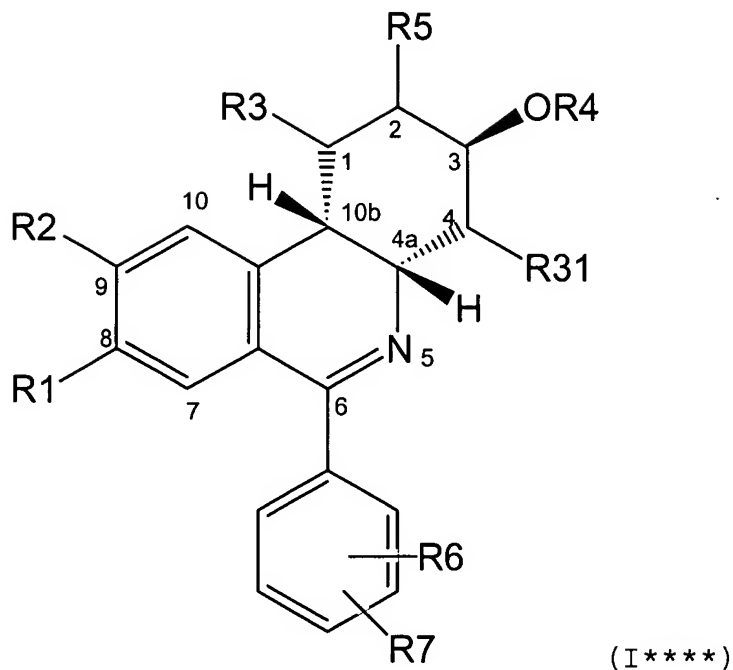
10. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I according to claim 5 [[1]], which has with respect to the positions 4a and 10b, the configuration shown in the formula I*:



or a hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a salt of this compound, an N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of an N-oxide of this compound.

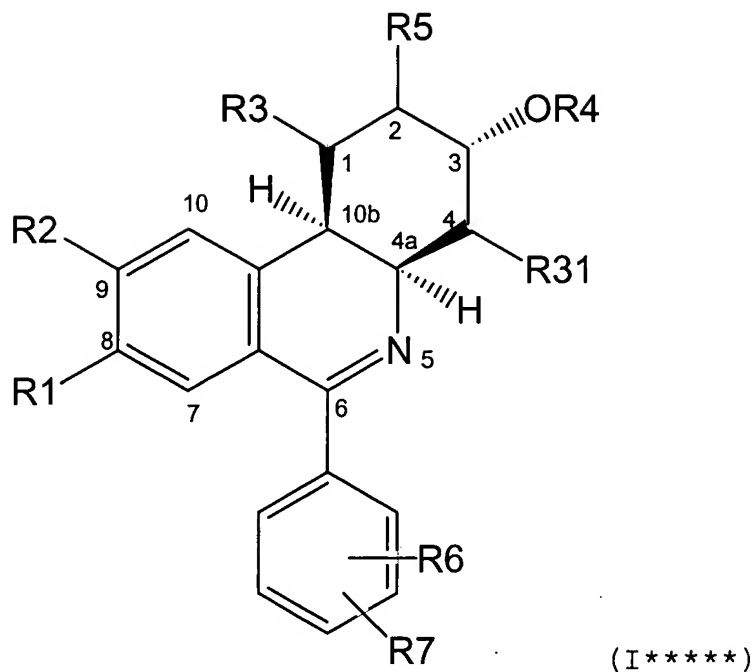
11. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I according to claim 5 [[1]], which has with respect to the positions 3, 4a and 10b, the configuration shown either in formula I**, I*** or I****:





or a hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a salt of this compound, an N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of an N-oxide of this compound.

12. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula I according to claim 5 [[1]], which has with respect to the positions 3, 4a and 10b, the configuration shown in formula I****:



or a ~~hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a~~
salt of this compound, an N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of
an N-oxide of this compound.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising
one or more compounds of the formula I as claimed in claim 5
[[1]], or a pharmaceutically acceptable ~~hydrate, solvate, salt,~~
~~hydrate of a salt or solvate of a~~ salt of this compound, a
pharmaceutically acceptable N-oxide of this compound, or a salt

of said N-oxide, together with a pharmaceutical auxiliary and/or excipient.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

17. (Withdrawn) A method for treating an illness treatable by administration of a PDE inhibitor in a patient comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a salt of this compound, a pharmaceutically acceptable N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of said N-oxide.

18. (Withdrawn) A method for treating an airway disorder in a patient comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a salt of this compound, a pharmaceutically acceptable N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of said N-oxide.

19. (Withdrawn) A method for treating dermatoses in a patient comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable hydrate, solvate, salt, hydrate of a salt or solvate of a salt of this compound, a pharmaceutically acceptable N-oxide of this compound, or a salt of said N-oxide.